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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of  
Robert M. BurkSerial No: 10/087,867  
Conf. No. 9687

Filed: February 28, 2002

For: CYCLOPENTANE(ENE)  
HEPTENOIC OR HEPTANOIC ACIDS  
AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF USEFUL  
AS THERAPEUTIC AGENTS

Group Art No.: 1626

Examiner: Robert Gerstl

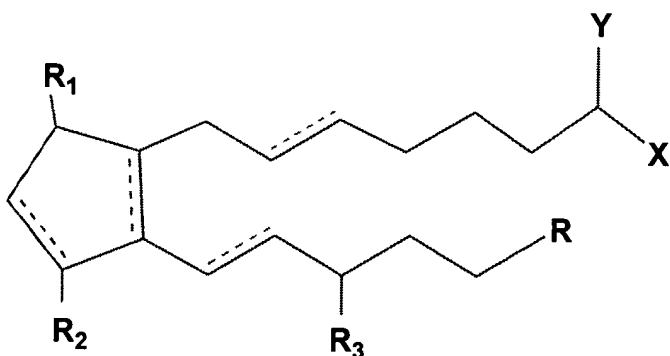
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11/27/02REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed September 12, 2002 has been received and carefully studied. In response, the following amendment is made.

~~Please make the following changes in the claim.~~

1. A method of treating incontinence, inflammation, immune regulation and disorders of bone metabolism which comprises applying to a patient in need of treatment, an amount sufficient to treat such disorders of a compound of formula (I)



wherein either the cyclopentane(ene) radical or the  $\alpha$  or  $\omega$  chain may be unsaturated and the dotted lines represent the presence or absence of a double bond; R is a hydrocarbyl radical or a heteroatom substituted hydrocarbyl radical comprising up to ten carbon atoms